Religious disputes

Burial of Muslim dead bodies in Kudroli and Bokkapatna near dwelling houses.

* 205 Q.—Mr. K. R. KARANT: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased—

(i) to lay on the table the application made by one Guruva and other residents both Hindus and Christians of Kudroli and Bokkapatna in Mangalore town of South Kanara district to the District Magistrate of South Kanara district a few months ago complaining about the action of the Muhammadan residents in maliciously burying the dead bodies in close proximity to their dwelling houses and also blocking up their mamul pathway at Kudroli near the mosque;

(ii) to state

(a) whether the District Magistrate inspected the locality till 4th May 1929 the day on which the procession of the dead body of the fishermen community was obstructed near the said place on the public road and rioting took place; if so, when;

(b) whether this quarrel over the burial ground is one of the reasons that led up to the recent Hindu-Muslim riot; and

(c) whether the District Magistrate took any action on the said petition; if so, what; and if not, why not?

A.—(i) The petition [a] of Guruva and others is laid on the table.

(ii) (a) The District Magistrate on receipt of the petition called for a report from the Subdivisional Magistrate which was received on 7th May 1929. The District Magistrate himself inspected on that day.

(b) No.

(c) Yes. The District Magistrate made proposals to the Chairman, Municipal Council, Mangalore, for the opening of a new pathway along the western edge of the Muhammadan burial grounds and for shutting it off from the burial ground by a stone wall. These proposals were to have been considered by the Municipal Council on 29th July 1929 at a special meeting.

Mr. J. A. SALDANHA:—"May I enquire whether the petition referred to in clause (c) of this question was for the opening of a new pathway or for a wall to be built?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur:—"Notice."

Civil Justice

Amount of process-fees levied in civil courts.

* 206 Q.—Mr. J. A. SALDANHA: With reference to the observations made by the hon. the Law Member in his speech on 19th March 1929 during the last Budget debates as to the improvement of the status and increase of pay of process-servers, will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to place before the House a statement showing—

(a) the amount of process-fees as levied in civil courts in this Presidency, within the City of Madras and outside the city, and the expenditure in connexion with process service in the years 1927–28 and 1928–29; and

(b) the estimate for the year 1929–30

A.—The information has been called for.

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[a] Printed as Appendix I on pages 570–571 infra.